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CLASSIFIED BY: Karen Johnson, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General Hamburg, U.S. Department of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d) CONFIDENTIAL  
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11. (C) SUMMARY: Since the creation of the Working Group on Scientology (AGS) in 1992 within its interior ministry with its firebrand leader, F  
HAMBURG'S WORKING GROUP ON SCIENTOLOGY  
12. (SBU) In 1992, the Hamburg State Parliament created the Working Group on Scientology (Arbeitsgruppe Scientology or AGS) within the Hamburg  
EUROPE UNDER ATTACK?  
13. (C) Caberta stated that Scientology has declared "war on Europe." She cited evidence from Hamburg's Office for the Protection of the Consti  
14. (C) In a meeting at the consulate on December 19, Hamburg OPC leadership explained that it was a political decision for the  
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state OPCs to observe Scientology, based upon the "totalitarian assertions" described in L. Ron Hubbard's writings. They called their observati  
CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY'S TAKE  
15. (C) In Hamburg's Pol/Econ Officer and Specialist's meetings with Hamburg Scientology figures , our contacts made it clear that the Hamburg  
NAGEL'S PROPOSAL TO BAN SCIENTOLOGY  
16. (C) On August 7 at the press release of Caberta's "Black Book Scientology" Nagel announced that he would propose discussing banning Scient  
17. (C) In a meeting on December 14 with Hamburg's CG and Pol/Econ Officer, Hamburg's Deputy State Minister for the Interior Christoph Ahlhaus  
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organization is also present in Berlin, Baden-Wurttemberg, and Bavaria, where banning Scientology also has political support. He commented that  
COMMENT  
18. (C) With a strong Scientology Church and the Scientology working group both located in Hamburg, the debate on Scientology in Germany reache  
19. (U) This message has been coordinated with Embassy Berlin. JOHNSON